(d) No, Sir

(e) Does not arise

Telecasting of 'Progress in Pakistan' by Delhi Doordarshan

1534 SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Doordarshan had recently telecast the programme 'Progress in Pakistan'; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a programme titled "First Year of Democracy" was telecast by Doordarshan on 22-3-1990. The programme was received through Ministry of External Affairs and telecast under their advice, after being suitably edited, to mark the National Day of Pakistan. A similar programme was telecast last year also.

Medical Superintendent NDMC Hospital

1535. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a case of alleged misappropriation of public funds, the Central Vigilance Commission had held the Medical Superintendent of NDMC hospital guilty and had recommended recovery of money in January, 1989;

(b) whether it is also a fact that instead of taking action the NDMC has been referring the case again and again to the Central Vigilance Commission for review;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some more complaints of alleged misappropriation are pending inquiry by the CVC and Vigilance Department of NDMC against the same officer; and

(d) if so, the reasons for avoiding action against the corrupt official?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY):(a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Difficulties in renewal of passports and visas in USA

1536. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report appearing in Tribune dated 22-12-89 regarding the difficulties and harassment faced by the persons trying to renew their passports and get visas at the Indian Consulate in USA; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps have been taken by Government to streamline the working of the Indina Conulatein USA?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) (i) A high level team visited Consulate General of India New York and consequently one India-based officer was transferred to Delhi and another removed from the Visa Section. Besides 8 of the 16 locally recruited staff in the Consular Section were either dismissed or redeployed.

(ii) In respect of Indian Embassy. Washington, Consulate Generals in